

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

The specification has been amended as indicated above in order to make reference to the indicated applications as required by 35 U.S.C. 120 so that the present application can claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 the benefit of the prior filed copending nonprovisional applications. The twenty-three (23) referenced applications were pending at the time of filing the present application. Applicants assert that the priority claim to the 23 applications was unintentionally delayed and a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 has been filed in a separate paper for the present application on March 26, 2003.

The specification has also been amended in order to include the data tables from selected applications which were incorporated by reference at the time of filing the present application (see pg. 55 of the specification as filed). Because these data tables are greater than fifty (50) pages long, they are being filed on a separate CD-R, enclosed herewith, as permitted by 37 C.F.R. §1.52(e). No new matter is introduced into the application by these amendments nor by the data on the enclosed CD-R.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson (Reg. #30,330) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If the Primary Deposit Account No. 50-1055 is deficient and non-payment will result in a loss of rights, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Two (2) identical CD-Rs containing data tables